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SUBJECT: STRUGGLE BETWEEN COALITION PARTNERS FORESEEN

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1. SOME SIDELIGHTS ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEW COALITION PARTNERS, THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AND THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), WERE GIVEN US BY RPP DEPUTY ALI DOGERLI ON JANUARY 24, THE DAY AFTER THE TWO PARTIES' LEADERS REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF A PROTOCOL (REFTEL).

2. DOGERLI SAID THAT A MAJOR DIFFICULTY IN THE PARTIES' NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN THAT THE NSP WOULD NOT STAND BY ITS AGREEMENTS ON POINTS OF CONTENTION, ONE DAY ACCEPTING A COMMITMENT AND THE NEXT DAY DISOWNING IT. HE FOUND THE NSP LEADERSHIP UNSCRUPULOUS. ACCORDINGLY HE PREDICTED THAT GOVERNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NSP WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, INVOLVING A CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE.

3. THE RPP'S RELIANCE ON THE NSP MIGHT BE LESSENERED, DOGERLI BELIEVED, BY DEFECTIONS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC,
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JUSTICE, AND REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTIES WHICH COULD RAISE

THE RPP'S STRENGTH IN THE LOWER HOUSE FROM THE PRESENT 185 SEATS TO AROUND 200 (STILL SHORT OF THE 226 SEATS NEEDED FOR A MAJORITY).

4. COMMENT: IF DOGERLI'S VIEWSCEPRESENT THOSE OF OTHER RPP DEPUTIES, AS SEEMS LIKELY, THEY INDICATE THAT THE COALITION WILL BEGIN LIFE WITH SERIOUS INTERNAL STRAINS. AS TO THE DEFECTIONS HE SEEMS TO HOPE FOR, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THESE HAVE BEEN RUMORED FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS BUT HAVE NOT YET OCCURRED. RESIGNATIONS FROM THE NSP IN PROTEST OVER THE COALITION HAVE ALSO BEEN RUMORED. MACOMBER

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